



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Savage et al.

Application No.: 09/181, 658

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: **A METHOD AND SYSTEM OF COMBINED
BILLING OF MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS ON A
SINGLE STATEMENT**

Examiner: Bell, P.

Art Unit: 628

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal and fee on April 15, 2002, followed by an Appeal Brief and fee on June 14, 2002 in connection with the final rejection of all claims in the application in an Office Action which was reversed by the Board in a Decision on Appeal mailed September 23, 2004. Thereafter, the Examiner reopened prosecution in an Office Action mailed on May 26, 2005 setting a three-month period for response which expired on August 26, 2005.

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005. Applicants have filed herewith a request and fee for three months extension of time, extending the period for response to November 28, 2005 (November 26th falling on Saturday).

Amendments to the Specification—no amendments to the Specification are sought herein.

Amendments to the Claims—no amendments to the Claims are sought herein.

Amendments to the Drawings—no amendments to the Drawings are sought herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.